

THE STATEN ISLAND BENCH

THE ASTONISHING EXPLOITS OF
JUSTICE GARRETT.

to be Presented to the Board of Trustees of Edgewater this morning.

The remarkable administration of justice by Thomas Garrett, Police Justice of Edgewater, Staten Island, was described by THE SUN a few weeks ago. The revelation opened the eyes of the taxpayers on the island, and a meeting was called at which it was decided to elect the first justice in 1858. Thomas Garrett and his present colleagues, ex-justice, Theo. C. Verniphe, were convicted of corruption in office and sentenced to the county jail. The records of Richmond county show that on the 23rd of February, 1858, Thomas Garrett was sentenced to fifteen days imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100. On the same day he pleaded guilty of extortion in office, and was fined \$150, to assist in the payment of which he was pardoned. On the 24th of March, before his term of imprisonment expired, he was discharged.

These facts established the taxpayers, and the taxpayers elected a committee of one, J. C. Thomas, who was elected to the office of justice, and was elected by the voters of the village, to investigate the

The undersigned committee, one member of which was appointed by the taxpayers, and the other by the Board of Trustees of the village, to investigate the conduct of the affair, had leisure to report on the affairs of the village, as far as they have progressed in the investigation.

proper order.

And so far they have mainly devoted their examination to the account of the Police Justice, the witness said to him, and then since he has imposed and received according to the records of the police court. And the system of granting licenses without accounting for the proceeds.

Your committee and that Police Justice Garrett, according to the voucher books of the village received in vouchers from July, 1906 to December, 1907, \$7,300.00. And that the Police Justice Garrett, according to the records of the Police Court, from the time he took office of that office in 1906 to December, 1907, amounts to \$7,300.00.

And the sum of \$1,100 retained by the village in the suit against the same for payment of salary, which sum it

Balance received by said Garrett in fees and vouchers.....	\$10.75
From which we deduct his salary for that period:	
2 years' salary, at \$1,200.....	\$2,400 00
2 years' and 3 months, at \$1,500.....	8 315 00

Justice Garrett has reliable information that Post Justice Garrett makes a report to the village trustees that he receives no fees, while the police records show that he has received \$135 of which the village has an amount only \$35 of which are credited on the printer's book as being received from him—and the \$100 remained in the vault all that the village ever received from him. (See the December 1st issue.)

Such being the facts, your committee has come to the conclusion that Justice Garrett has not only come to the village but has been paid for his services and not weekly, for the term in which he has served as justice.

Your committee have in their possession a number of receipts obtained from different persons for licenses granted by the former clerk of the Board of Trustees and the village clerk, and the village clerk of the village, and they also have receipts and reliable in-

Justice forbids which there is no record of, and therefore your Committee recommend that prompt action be taken to relieve the village from corrupt officials.

J. C. THOMPSON,
In behalf of the taxpayers.

Under the village charter the Board can suspend Justice Garrett from office until the Grand Jury meets, and indict him. At present there is a lock in the Board. They stand four to four.

Presentation to Judge George C. Barry
 The parlors of the elegant mansion of

street, were thronged last evening by distinguished lawyers who had gathered to witness the presentation to the Judge of a Pompeian bronze bas-

Among the visitors were S. G. Courtney, Joe Reynolds, Henry L. Clinton, Abram R. Liver, John A. Foley, Horatio Rice, and A. A. H-10. In the absence of the venerable Charles O'Connell, Daniel K. Lyddy delivered the presentation which was happily responded to by the Ju A sumptuous repast was spread in the adjacent hall.

France Still under Bismarck's Fleet.
BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Prince Bismarck has sent a despatch to Baron von Arnim, the German representative at Paris, setting forth the feeling of exasperation rained in Germany by the outrageous

trated on her; soldiers in France. He threatened to seize hostages in the occupied provinces unless massing in the future, who escape into neighboring countries are delivered up to the German courts.

Men who Earned their Money still Unpaid
Notwithstanding the statement to a Sex rep-

nearly alhad been paid but sincurists, it ad
that the really deserving men have not yet recd
the amounts due them. Some of them have
been paid since Sept 1. This is all wrong.

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

Alexander Campbell, well known years ago in Points as "Liverpool Jack," was yesterday sent to the Special Sessions to two months in the Penitentiary for stealing a package of patent medicine.

tel. was created last night by Detective Higgins, 6 Thirtieth street station, for passing a spurious note for \$25 on Robert Kasser, a butcher, of 408 Seventh avenue. Several worthless checks and a multitude

John Markey was arrested late on Wednesday night for robbing the residence of William W. S. 22 East Thirty-fourth street of carpets and wearing apparel worth \$3,000. His co-accused, each of the arrest was made by Officer Hauer before the city, which was packed up, had been removed.

"N. G. W." complains that the other night crowded Broadway stage he handed 50 cents to a policeman who took it but his hand on to the wheel.

In the case of the United States against W. F. Wood & Co., of Boston, charged with evading taxes under a compromise has been so far effected the books of the firm will be submitted for examination and on the basis of the data thus obtained settlement will be made. All suits now pending

On Wednesday night, as a passenger train going into Cincinnati on the Little Miami Railroad against a wagon containing ten persons, a one Miss Bradley instantly and seriously injured.

Theodore W. Todd, merchant of 75 Front & a tempter to get into a New Haven Railroad Wednesday afternoon. At the door he saw a two met who had killed and robbed him of a pocket containing \$25. One of the men who was

Yesterday morning, while Officer Walsh of the 34th Precinct was on duty, he was in a patrol car on 8th Avenue. He encountered Christopher Becken, who had been driven from the corner a few evenings before. Becken drew a large knife and attempted to stab the officer, but the latter drew a pistol and knocked Becken down. Becken was taken to the hospital, and the officer was taken to the hospital for observation.

Later on Wednesday night Mrs. Emma Reed, 110 East Twenty-second street, saw Henry Burns, well known thief, robbing the rooms of David George Richmond. She gave the alarm, where the thief dashed past, knocked her down and escaped. A short time afterward Mrs. Susan A. Bergen, East Twenty-second street, found the same man.

On Saturday night there was a row in

who is a Deputy sheriff and Maximilian Kirsch brother-in-law ex-police man and Special District Sheriff. Koehler struck Kirsch a stunning blow on the head with a bottle and Kirsch stabbed Koehler right-handed. They were locked up on counter charges of felonious assault, but both refused to proceed. Since then, Kirsch has been confined to his bed, suffering from eight severe wounds, and crivelpain is in Koehler's at large.

Cornelli Desmond, 21, and in Washington, Md., with a boy named James W. Lynch. Some money purchased for the boy, was, it was represented, about to start in business up town. Kelly promised to become responsible for the pay. That lot was paid and several other lots besides. But, suddenly, Lynch fell into arrears to the amount of \$99. For this Desmond sued yesterday before Justice Lane. He is contended by counsel that Lynch, at a minimum,

12 simply some security for the first lot of steel pipes
13 Justice Lane reserved his decision.